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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.
Ehrhardt, Feb. 8.—We have had a week of very fine, cool weather. The farmers killed more, or better said, their remaining porkers, and, as they term it, "hung their meat" that they had in salt for some time.

Sunday the wind rose high and the temperature has registered several degrees lower.

It is thought by most of our best farmers that the oat crop in this section has been greatly damaged by the cold. Some fields show that they are in bad shape, as the oats are yellow. Even the rye patches about have spots in them, where the grain was advanced, have been killed.

Miss Moye Brabham is spending some time with her uncle, Chief J. W. Priester.

Our town was crowded on Saturday, hunting prices of fertilizer and advances. Some are not securing the latter as readily as last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Kinard spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Sim Sandifer.

Mrs. Bertha Jones left Sunday for Augusta, Ga., where she will spend a few days with her husband. From there she will go to Atlanta, Ga., to see the fashions and buy pattern hats.

A few bales of cotton still come to town every week. Some few bales are still left for the farmers to look at.

Colston Cullings.

Colston, Feb. 9.—We are having some very fine weather for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bishop visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Folk, last Sunday.

Mr. Willie Bishop and sister, Miss Emma, from Ehrhardt, visited friends and relatives on Colston last Saturday night and Sunday.

—Mrs. J. P. Bishop and daughter, Ida, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beard and two daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fender and daughter, Hilma, were the guests of Mr. J. C. Bishop last Sunday.

Pindar shellings are the go around here. There was one at Mr. C. C. Fender's last Friday night, and one at Mr. Abner Fender's last Saturday night.

Mr. C. F. Padgett went to Olar Monday to see about ordering fertilizer for this crop.

Mrs. Lizzie Walker and daughter, Miss Reba, who have been spending some time with friends and relatives, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fender visited friends near Olar Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Philip Padgett is all smiles. They are two boys.

Mr. C. C. Fender has a real sick cow. It can't stand up. It seems to have rheumatism or weak knees.

Mr. J. C. Avant and Mr. Frank Padgett, from Lodge, visited Colston last Sunday.

Miss Letitia Bishop spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fender.

Mrs. W. C. Folk, who has been suffering with rheumatism, is still in bed.

Mrs. J. M. Grimes and Miss Adrine Padgett, from Bamberg, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Padgett last Saturday.

Mr. J. E. Bishop and Mr. C. F. Spiesegger went to Bamberg last Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Bishop went to Olar last Thursday.

Crap Shooters Fight.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 8.—Search is being made for six negroes who were engaged in a crap game Sunday in the outskirts of Atlanta, when two policemen were assaulted and a seventh crap-shooter was killed. It is thought the negroes who escaped are mostly seriously injured as probably two dozen shots were fired in the dark room and the negroes jumped through glass windows in getting away.

When the officers walked in upon the crap-shooters they leveled their revolvers at the negroes and ordered them not to move. Instead of obeying one of the negroes blew out the light and immediately grappled with Officer Butler, slashing his clothes into shreds, while he held the policeman's pistol. Officer Walters came to his comrade's rescue and for ten minutes bullets were flying thick through the dark room.

When the fusillade had subsided Henry Sherwood, a negro, was dead and the other six negroes were missing.

SOME COLD WEATHER.

"Old Timer" Writes of the Cold Spell in 1886.

Kearse, Feb. 8.—The blizzard of a week ago wrought havoc with the gardens, oats and flowers, the cabbage and peas. Nearly all killed, even the collards were hard hit, the oats are thinned some, but enough is left to make a fine yield if the seasons are favorable from now until May. With only a very light rain on Friday night and high winds nearly all the time it is a gloomy prospect for early gardens this spring. Still a few warm showers and warm sunshine can work wonders in a few days, and so it will be, for it is always so to those who try and keep trying.

I like the little blue violets, for they teach the try, try again lesson. The cold wind of Saturday, Sunday and Monday last killed all the little blooms that had the beds a mass of green and blue. Their little blue eyes lay shriveled and dead, but now they are peeping through the green leaves and will soon be as smiling as if a cold wind had never blown over them, and an old man can place his hands behind his back and look with admiration at the plucky little flowers that stand the storms of winter with smiles as well as fragrance.

As the wind howled around the house corners and shook the very foundations of it, could have been found an old man snugly tucked away in a warm bed on Saturday night of January 30, and he began to ruminate while the wind howled and moaned and whistled, and thought of one Saturday night in January, 1886, when the greatest blizzard known down here raged.

The winter was mild and open; many wanted cold weather to kill hogs for bacon, and they got it with some to spare, for by Monday it reached zero—15 degrees colder than last week's Monday. On Tuesday two men came to get out some shingles. A pine tree that measured three feet across the stump was cut and in the center was a large windshake that was filled with solid ice, and the log was frozen so hard they gave it up as a bad job to saw it into blocks for several days; and the mock orange trees and some oaks had the bark split for several feet on the North-west side. The ponds were solid ice, strong enough to skate on, and such fun was had by some of the boys. A few came out worsted, as a bruise on the face or a knot on the forehead testified, to the boy who slipped up and his head came in contact with the ice.

That same year, August 31, came the earthquake that shook this old State from start to finish. Not as bad as some later ones have other places, but hard enough to frighten nearly all, and a few thought the end had come, just as others in other places have thought since.

Still the sun shines and the old world rolls on to a greater destiny, when all will be calm and serene, is the thought of

OLD TIMER.

Fined \$150 for Killing Negro.

Aiken, S. C., Feb. 8.—Dave Jeffcoat from the Western section of Orangeburg county was tried and convicted Friday evening for shooting George Fogle, a negro who was at work in his field last summer. Jeffcoat had no lawyer to defend him and attempted to defend himself, and when he went on the stand he was plied with questions by the solicitor, and his answers to them showed that he had been tried once for rape, twice for selling or distilling liquor, and once for giving in too much mileage as witness to the U. S. Court. There were white witnesses testified that Jeffcoat shot the negro without provocation and excuse. The jury found him guilty, and Judge Watts sentenced him to two years on the county roads or pay a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars, it is believed that he will be able to pay his fine.

Over Fifty Witnesses.

St. George, Feb. 8.—Your correspondent was to-day informed by Magistrate Moore, before whom the preliminary examination of the five men charged with the murder of Pressley Reeves was held, that he had issued subpoenas for approximately 50 witnesses. The hearing, because of the voluminous testimony to be taken, will last two or three days, probably longer. Fahey and two of the men charged with killing Reeves have retained Lawyer Jones of Branchville to represent them, and it is probable that additional counsel will be employed to conduct the defense.

The unusual interest which has been manifested since the arrests were made is creeping higher and it now looks as though a record breaking crowd will attend upon the first act of the greatest sensational trial in Dorchester county's history.

Must Accept Mileage.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—By a vote of 91 to 5 the house to-day passed a bill by Mr. M. L. Smith, reputed candidate for governor, knocking out the present railroad mileage regulation. The bill reduces the maximum passenger rate to two and a half cents from three cents, and forces conductors to accept mileage coupons and station agents to check baggage without the exchange of mileage for tickets.

An amendment offered by Mr. K. P. Smith to Mr. M. L. Smith's railroad bill requiring passengers to provide themselves with tickets before boarding trains, was killed without division.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The house of representatives has passed a resolution calling on Comptroller General A. W. Jones to tell why the assessments of railroad property were lowered half a million dollars last year while other classes of property were raised.

The burglar who was killed at Laurens was never identified, and the body has been buried. A fund is being raised all over the State for the widow and children of Officer Stone, who was killed by the burglar, and about \$1,000 has been raised.

W. T. Jones, a wealthy white man of Union county, was tried last week for the murder of his wife and found guilty of murder with recommendation to mercy. His attorneys have appealed to the State Supreme Court. The testimony brought out the fact that Jones was cruel to his wife and often beat her and subjected her to other indignities brutal in the extreme. Physicians testified that her death was caused by strychnine poisoning. The trial was full of revolting details, and the wonder is that his neighbors allowed such a brute in human form to live among them.

The legislature is still at work trying to elect an associate justice, but the dead lock continues, although Judges Watts and Gage have withdrawn from the race. The candidates now are T. P. Cothran, of Greenville; Judge D. E. Hydrick, of Spartanburg, and J. C. Sheppard, of Edgefield. These three candidates get about the same number of votes, and a number of ballots have been taken with the same result. It is said the matter will be settled to-day (Wednesday) and it is likely that an entirely new man will be elected. The senator and representatives from Bamberg county are voting for Sheppard.

Thomas Craft was tried in Lexington this week for the murder of Garfield Hutto. The jury found him guilty of murder with a recommendation to mercy, which means life imprisonment. The case attracted considerable attention, and the accused was well represented by counsel. The facts of the killing showed that there was a country frolic at the home of a woman named "Feg" Brown, and there was considerable whiskey there. Craft became offended about something and went out to the barn where he had hid his Winchester rifle and securing the weapon deliberately fired into the house, killing young Hutto. No ill feeling to the dead man was shown. All parties were white.

Mob of 300 Lynch Negro.

Houston, Miss., Feb. 9.—Roby Baskin, murderer of the Rev. W. Y. Hudson, was lynched by a mob here this afternoon. A crowd of over 300 determined citizens took him from the jail and hanged him to a nearby tree. Not a shot was fired and the whole proceeding was conducted quietly.

Sheriff Dean, of Okolona, arrived just as the negro breathed his last. Leaders of the mob said the negro had not been given a speedy trial as was promised, and that they could not be blamed for taking vengeance into their own hands.

The prisoner was secured without resistance and accepted his fate as a matter of course, sullen and without a word of entreaty or prayer. He was hanged from an elm tree within 200 yards of the county jail. The representatives of the sheriff here declare they consider their action in surrendering the negro, in view of the refusal of the court to call a special term, justified in the interest of law and order. Should their action be criticised they declare they will resign.

According to Baskin's confession he first robbed and, in fear that he would be arrested for the robbery, shot and killed the minister, throwing his body into a pond, where it was found by searchers.

Race Trouble Follows Girl.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Coeds at the Congressional college at Wheaton are in furore to-day over the arrival at this fashionable institution of a young negro woman. The college authorities may have to take charge with a heavy hand to bring quiet out of the affair.

The young woman, Miss Nelly Bright, was recently put out of Berea College, in Kentucky, as the result of a race war, and her advent in Wheaton threatens to precipitate a like struggle.

In the case of the Berea College, the authorities took the case to the United States supreme court and gained the power to exclude negro pupils.

Lynched for Usual Crime.

Selma, Ala., Feb. 8.—News has just reached here of the lynching of Will Parker, a negro, near Mexia, in Monroe county, last Saturday. The negro had mistreated the 3-year-old daughter of N. O. Bailey, the man for whom he worked, on Friday. A mob was formed during the night, but the dogs were unable to take the negro's trail until the following morning. He was found in a corn crib and when the sheriff's posse arrived, about half an hour later, from Mooresville, they found the negro's body hanging to a tree.

KILLING IN COLLETON.

H. Q. Hudson Kills Peeples Herndon. Result of Feud.

Walterboro, Feb. 4.—An unfortunate shooting scrape occurred at Mr. M. Boodle's, about four miles from town, Monday night about 9:30 o'clock.

Monday several persons from this neighborhood came to Walterboro, returning a little after night. Peeples Herndon, M. Boodle and John Simmons returned together from town, and it appears that the buggy which they were driving broke down in front of Mr. Simmons' house. Simmons' horse and Herndon's mule had been driven to the buggy. It is reported that these parties had imbibed rather freely during the day and Herndon had turned his mule loose, walking on to Mr. Boodle's. About this time young H. Q. Hudson had gone to carry Mrs. Boodle some lint cotton which he had secured for her in Walterboro, according to the story told by friends of the defendants. He was accompanied by Alphus Hickman, 13 years old, and Eddie Burton, 16 years old. Having delivered his package to Mrs. Boodle they were returning to their home through the field. After going about 150 yards they discovered a man looking out from behind a stump, who called to them "Halt! d— you! I am going to kill you. I am tired of your d— lies." With this the person came from behind the stump and caught Hudson, throwing his arm around his neck and attempted to cut him with his knife. Hudson drew his pistol and fired at his assailant, the bullet entering a little to the left of the center of his lower chest, ranging upward. Hudson then broke loose and went on. The boys who were accompanying him had run as soon as the disturbance began.

Parties in the neighborhood were aroused by the shot and by the cries and began to search and the body of Herndon was found about 150 yards from where the shooting occurred, about 20 minutes later. When they found him he was lying face down and life was extinct.

The inquest was held by Magistrate Bryan.

It appears that bad blood had existed for some time between Herndon and Hudson. Herndon's father, L. M. Herndon, had raised Hudson, and he and Peeples Herndon could not get along well together, frequently having trouble.

Hudson claims that Herndon beat him without cause about five weeks ago. He had gone to his old home and happening upon Peeples Herndon he was beaten unmercifully.

Hudson is employed at present by Mr. J. W. Hickman to drive a cross-tie wagon. Hickman gives him a reputation of being a peaceable and quiet boy.

This affair is very much regretted by every one. Herndon was a young farmer and leaves a wife and three small children, the youngest being an infant not three weeks old.

Hudson came to town and surrendered to the sheriff and is now in jail. The sheriff was notified of the killing, but Hudson had already come to Walterboro and surrendered himself to the sheriff.

Negro's Crime Stirs Town.

Bainbridge, Ga., Feb. 9.—Excitement is intense here to-night over the attempt of Ike Jones, a negro, to criminally assault the 16-year-old daughter of Joe Spooner, in the western part of the county this morning. The negro was captured by a posse and placed in the town jail at Iron City, being later removed to the county jail at this place.

Many citizens of the section of the county where the crime was committed have come to Bainbridge and there are rumors of an attempt being made to-night to take the negro from the jail and lynch him. Miss Spooner identified the negro and he has also been identified as having attempted to assault the daughter of another white man in the same community several months ago.

ROBBER IN TRUNK.

Gendarmes' Timely Find in Baggage Left at Inn.

The other day two men drove up in an automobile to the inn at Savigny-Faye, near Poitiers, and deposited a large trunk with Mme. Simon, the inn-keeper. They asked the woman for permission to leave the trunk in an up-stairs room until night, when they promised to call for it. Mme. Simon, who was alone at the time, consented. Ten o'clock came and the visitors did not appear, and the woman began to think of closing up and going to bed.

At this moment two gendarmes came along. They inquired why the inn was being kept open after the prescribed hour. Mme. Simon told them the story of the trunk, and the gendarmes, their curiosity aroused, decided to examine it. It was long and very heavy, and the men decided to open it. Inside they found, lying at full length, a powerfully built man, who was armed with a loaded revolver and two daggers. The gendarmes shut the trunk on their prisoner and sat on the lid until ropes were brought, when the trunk was tied up, hoisted upon a wheelbarrow and wheeled to the police station. When the man's companions returned to the inn somewhat later they were also arrested.

There is little doubt that the man concealed in the trunk had intended robbing, if not also murdering, the inn-keeper some time during the night, and to escape in the automobile with his companions.—Washington Post.

KILLING WILL BE PROBED

FIVE MEN ACCUSED OF HIS MURDER ARE IN JAIL.

Charles McAlhany, the Last of the Five, Surrenders Himself.

St. George, Feb. 6.—With the surrender of Charley McAlhany this morning all of the parties charged with the murder of Pressley Reeves are now lodged in the county jail. McAlhany was not arrested with the other defendants yesterday, it being the intention of Sheriff Owens to apprehend him this morning.

A preliminary examination into the affair will be held by Magistrate Moore Wednesday. The defendants demanded an investigation immediately, but in view of the large number of witnesses to be subpoenaed, this was impossible. There are nearly fifty witnesses to be summoned, some of whom reside in other counties, and it will take several days to have them notified.

The defendants when interviewed were not disposed to talk very much. They all protested their innocence, however, and said that they knew absolutely nothing of the killing.

All of the men, with the exception of Fahey, are confined in a cell together on the first floor of the jail, while Fahey is confined on the second floor. They have been made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, and apparently entertain no fear as to the outcome. In fact they seem rather inclined to treat the matter with indifference.

Arant, one of the defendants, recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, and the effects thereof are still apparent. He was unable to testify at the inquest because of illness, and is the only defendant whose testimony has not been taken. When seen to-day he was lying on the bed and had his right arm bandaged, although his condition is not such now as to necessitate his being confined to bed.

Sheriff Owens and several special officers have been conducting a thorough investigation into the matter for the past several days, and it is thought that the preliminary examination will develop features of a sensational nature.

Lon Weeks, of the local bar, represents the prosecution, while four of the men charged with the killing are represented by John A. Hiers, Esq. The defendant, Fahey, is without counsel as yet.

The killing of Reeves was probably the most exciting and sensational homicide in the criminal annals of Dorchester county, not only because of the brutal and heartless way in which the victim was slain, but because of the fact that it is generally accepted that his connection with the Audubon Society was the cause of his death.

The Edisto river, which runs through the section in which the murder occurred, was a favorite place for people of that community to fish, and Reeves being generally regarded as a man of undisputed courage, the violators of the fish and game laws realized that his appointment as game warden would cause them trouble, especially since he was a resident of the immediate section, and was well acquainted with conditions thereabouts. Then, too, there existed a family feud of long standing in the community, and young Reeves had had several tilts with his neighbors prior to his death, one of which, it was said, was with one of the defendants at Branchville, a day or so before the killing.

The jury of inquest impaneled to investigate the killing had three hearings, but were never able to agree upon a verdict. While evidence produced at these hearings was circumstantial, it is understood that the prosecution has additional evidence to present at the preliminary examination, and the arrests yesterday is evidence that they have something up their sleeves. The case has created high interest in this section of the State, and results are anxiously awaited. The defendants are all prosperous farmers, and will doubtless be represented by able counsel.

Arant, especially, is well known, and is said to possess considerable property. Each side is equally determined, and the matter will be fought to the last ditch.

Juror Drops Dead in Court.

Yorkville, Feb. 8.—Quite a sensation was created in the court house this morning. Mr. J. C. Hill, a substantial farmer and esteemed citizen of Bullocks Creek township, who was a juror at this term of court, walked into the room and in a few minutes after sitting down he fell over into the arms of a friend and expired before a physician could reach him.

Heart failure was said to be the cause of his death. He lived at the Roseboro place, 12 miles from Chester, was 50 years old and leaves a widow and several children, two of them grown.

Gun Play at a Burial.

Rowesville, Feb. 8.—April Jennings was shot by Dave Jennings at Emanuel church in Edisto Fork Friday and mortally wounded. The row occurred while a burial was in progress and was about a trivial matter. April snapped his pistol several times at Dave, but it failed to fire, and David poured two loads of buckshot into April. There is no possible chance of the wounded man's recovery. All parties are colored.

LOST.—One memorandum book with dark red cover. Finder will please return to C. R. Brabham, Jr.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Shows Reduction of \$122,614.16 from Last Year's Appropriations.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—Chairman Marion Rucker, of the ways and means committee, to-night submitted the text of the general appropriation bill and supply bill. It has been carefully worked out, and shows a reduction in the aggregate of \$122,614.16 from the appropriations of last year.

The committee recommends a five mills tax levy for State purposes against the levy of five and a half mills of 1908.

The following is concise recapitulation of the act: Governor's office, \$13,500; Secretary of State's office, \$8,500; Comptroller General's office, \$11,550; Insurance Commissioner's office, \$7,400; State Treasurer's office, \$7,600; State Superintendent of Education's office, \$5,950; Adjutant General's office, \$16,700; Attorney General's office, \$6,725; Railroad Commissioner's office, \$10,350; State Librarian's office, \$1,550; Public Buildings, \$47,326.88; State Geologist's office, \$3,400; Department of Agriculture, \$16,800; Judicial Department, \$94,606.25; Health Department, \$13,200; Tax Department, \$30,393.14; University of South Carolina, \$82,871.10; Winthrop, \$109,845.65; South Carolina Military Academy, \$30,590.65; Colored Industrial College, \$12,000; other educational purposes, \$57,991.65; State Hospital for Insane, \$185,632; Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, \$28,800; South Carolina Industrial School, \$4,000; Penitentiary, \$6,550; other penal and charitable purposes, \$12,700; Pensions, \$250,000; Historical Commission, \$2,500; Interest on public debt, \$295,246.03; Elections, \$8,125; Miscellaneous, \$40,583.95; Senate, \$14,796.10; House of Representatives, \$31,915.30; Engraving Department, \$5,115; Expenses, common to both houses, \$320; Grand total, \$1,524,083.70.

The supply bill is a separate act. The Confederate Home is allowed \$2,000, as previously granted.

GARY'S FIRST SPEECH.

Addresses the Senate on the Crum Nomination.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Gary came to the front in the executive session of the senate to-day, when the Crum matter was taken up. He spoke about 40 minutes in opposition to the confirmation of Crum, and after he sat down, a number of senators on both sides congratulated him. It was rather a stormy session from the way senators talked about it to-night. Senator Tillman gave some of his well known views on the race question and made some rather startling declarations of what he and others used to do with tissue ballots and other devices for cheating the negroes in elections. He is reported by other senators as declaring that at one time he got so tired of cheating in elections that he voted for a negro for congress, meaning George Washington Murray. A number of the Democratic senators are saying that Senator Tillman put the South to rest, when asked about it, replied merely that he could not discuss matters which took place in executive session. Senator Gary refused to allow himself to be diverted by the general storm which broke out in places about him, but continued in a well studied speech to discuss the inadvisability of confirming Crum. He said that it was sufficient for the senate to consider that Crum was objectionable to the large body of intelligent and business people of South Carolina and to the two senators from the State. He pleaded that Mr. Taft should be allowed the opportunity to carry out the policy he announced in his Atlanta speech, a speech of so great importance, he declared, that Andrew Carnegie had had copies of it distributed all through the South. To leave Crum's appointment to the next administration would give Mr. Taft an opportunity to show that he meant that speech, he said, and he quoted passages from it. He said it would be no injustice to the negro to deny him the privilege of governing the white man, and that the negro was getting all he was entitled to in the way of recognition, now having been brought out of the depths of barbarism and brought under the civilizing influences of the white man.

These are but a few of the things Senator Gary said in his first or "maiden" speech in the senate. Being in executive session, the full speech cannot be reported.

Returns to Scene of Crime.

Dublin, Ga., Feb. 5.—Drawn by some irresistible impulse to return to the scene where he killed a man when he was 15 years of age, Manly B. Tripp, after roaming over a good portion of the world for ten years, to-day surrendered to the sheriff of Laurens county. For some time he has been here and was an interested spectator in the court house during a trial. He was not recognized until he voluntarily surrendered. He was a well known youth and is prominently connected. He shot James Hood down on the street in 1899. He escaped and efforts to recapture him failed.

Clean cotton rags wanted at The Bamberg Herald office. We will pay three cents a pound. Bring them in. Bring rags which will do for wiping machinery, not scraps.